

## 'Month' marked with sundry events

Shelton State Community College will celebrate Black History Month with a series of events throughout the month of February.

The kick-off event was the Feb. 1 "Terrific Tuesday Concert" featuring Bessie Hunter Shelton in recital. Shelton, a native of Tuskegee, received a B.A. degree in English from Tuskegee Institute (University); a B.M. degree in Voice from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; a M.M. degree in Voice from the University of Montevallo; and is presently working toward a doctorate in voice at the University of Alabama. She is currently on the music faculty at Lawson State Community College.

Shelton has performed throughout the Southeast as well as at Carnegie Hall with the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, the Albany Symphony Orchestra and the Ball State Symphony Orchestra.

Storyteller DWe Williams visited the campus beginning on Feb. 2 and had a two-day residency.

During her residencies, Williams used storytelling and drama as a primary tool to enhance arts integration while students created and participated in storytelling and learned the value of this oral tradition in society.

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## Community Spirit



Life at Shelton State is held together by the many small projects that come along during the year involving students, faculty and staff. The Shelton State Association of Nursing Students is one of the groups most often involved in these projects. In early February, they volunteered taking blood pressures in the faculty suite. Community members involved were (L-R) Carson Sanders, nursing student; Martha Hill, education instructor; Andrea Blake, nursing student; Tonya Morris, prospective student; Lauren Lancaster, nursing student; and Rick Saylor, biology instructor.

## Dwe enthralles them all



Photo/AnTonio Nevels

Storyteller Dwe Williams visited Shelton State for a two-day residency which began Feb. 2. During her residency, Williams used storytelling and drama as a primary tool to enhance arts integration.

By AnTonio Nevels  
Staff Writer

As a part of the annual "Realizing the Dream throughout the Year" program (sponsored by the consortium of Shelton State, Stillman and the University of Alabama), Dwe Williams graced the Shelton State Campus with her appearance.

At 10 a.m. in the Recital Hall, located in the Bean-Brown Theatre, a class of well over 100 students sat,

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## Driving towards title?



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Both the men's and women's basketball teams seem to be driving towards a championship—just like Tarrance Crump in a recent victory over Beville-Walker College.

By Barret Smith  
Sports Writer

They're not perfect yet but according to sophomore guard Keith Williamson after the Buc's latest home win they're trying to be.

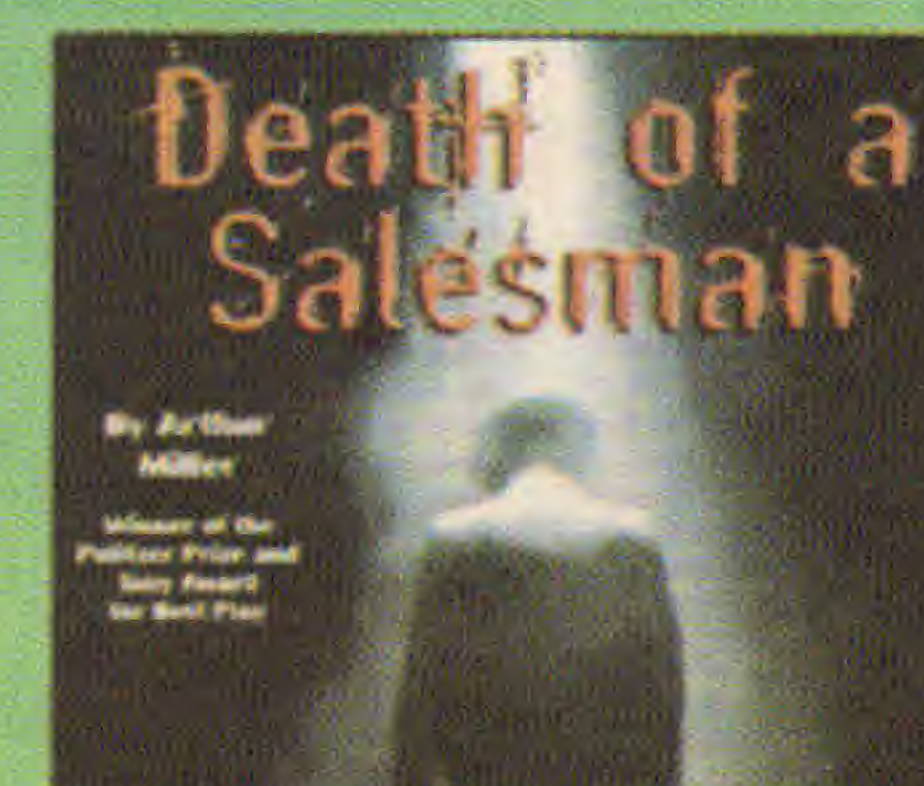
After a hard-fought game in which Shelton State would convincingly pull away in the end for a 112—108 victory over Beville-Walker starting guard Keith Williamson from Hoover stated, "We still have room for improvement and our goal is to peak come tournament time."

And he is exactly right, but needing improvement definitely isn't a bad thing in the case of the Shelton State men's basketball team

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## Alumni accepting scholarship applications

The Shelton State Alumni Association, one of the oldest and largest community college associations in the state, is now accepting applications for the Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarship for adult students for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Each applicant must be a currently enrolled, full-time Shelton State Community College student who has completed 12 semester hours and is age 25 or over.

Preference will be given to active members of the Shelton State Alumni Association or family members of active alumni members, but this is not a requirement.

A completed application consists of: the scholarship application which is available online at <http://www.shelton-state.edu/sscc/info/scholarships.aspx> or by contacting Ronda Shirley on the Martin

Campus at 205/391-2252; three letters of recommendation addressed to the Alumni Association scholarship committee; an essay describing your educational goals (please limit to two double spaced, typed pages); and a copy of your Shelton State transcript.

Completed applications must be turned in to or mailed to the Alumni Association Office (Martin Campus room 3635) by noon on March 1, 2004.

If mailing, please use the following address: Shelton State Community College, Alumni Association Scholarship, Box 199, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.

For more information on the Shelton State Alumni Association, please contact Wendy Jones, director at 205/391-2310 or via email at [wjones@sheltonstate.edu](mailto:wjones@sheltonstate.edu).

## Career Fair 2005 scheduled

The annual Shelton State Community College Career Fair has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. in the atrium of the Martin Campus.

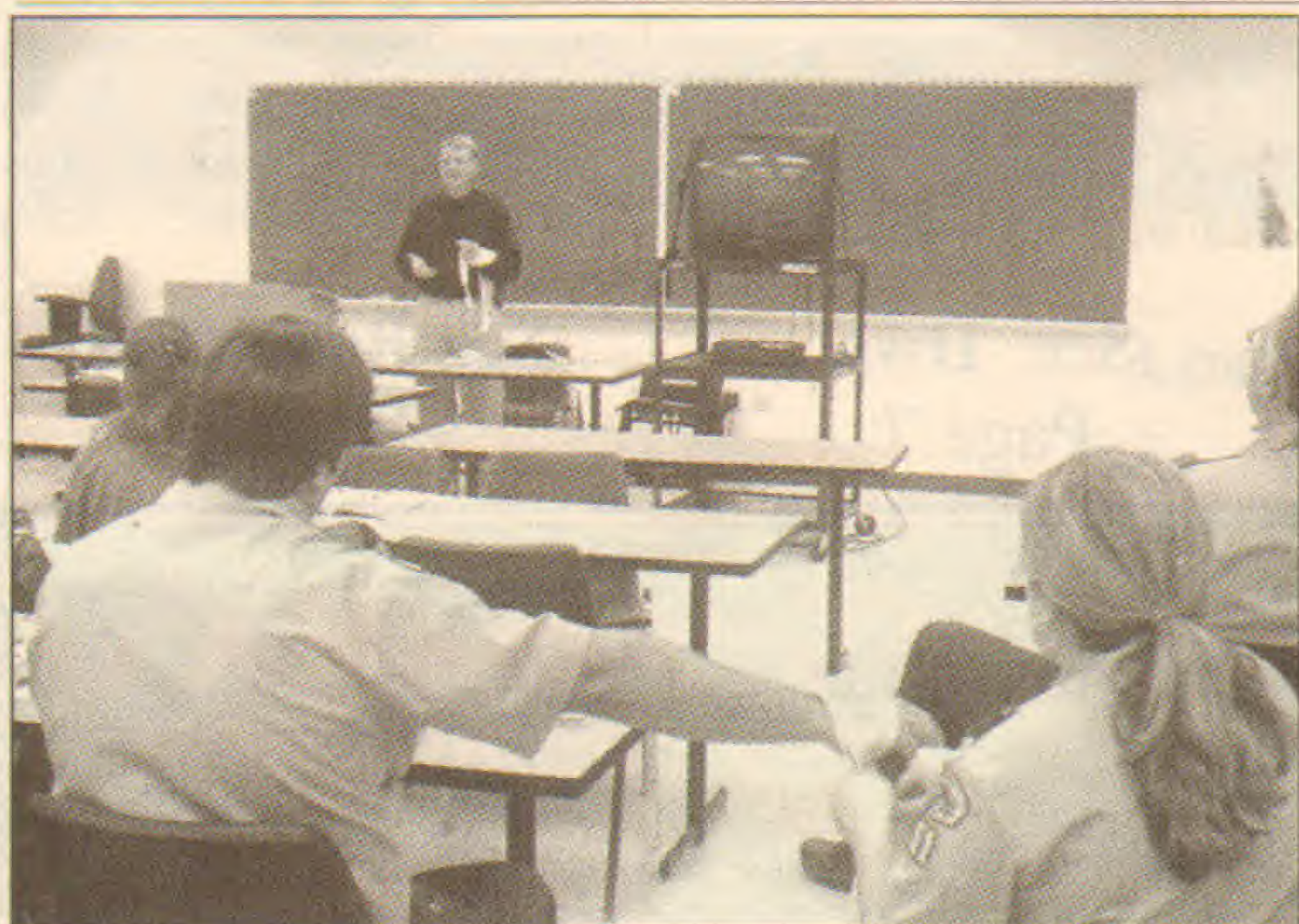
Sponsored by Shelton State's Job Placement Center, the Career Fair provides an opportunity for one on one access to West Alabama employers as well as the Alabama State Employment Service. The 2004 fair brought close to 50 employers as well as representatives from the U.S. Army and Navy Recruiting Offices.

Mike Fields, who heads

the Job Placement Center for Shelton State said, "Our students are always in demand from area employers. The Career Fair gives students an opportunity to meet one-on-one with some of the best companies in West Alabama."

The Career Fair serves a dual purpose at Shelton State. Not only does the Fair provide students with access to potential employers, it also provides area businesses an opportunity to showcase their products and services.

For additional information on Career Fair 2005, please call 391-2461.



Photo/Amy P. Oswalt

The University of Scouting was held Jan. 22 at Shelton State. Attendees expanded their skills in Scouting basics from leadership training to CPR certification. Michael Hollingsworth (C) leads a class in Red Cross Basic 1st Aid Certification.

# ShelTalk

## The Perils and Pearls of V-day

By AnTonio Nevels



AnTonio Nevels is a sophomore at Shelton State.

There are many things that take place in the month of February. For example, it is known to be Black History Month, there is also the birth of yours truly, and more importantly for some people Valentine's Day.

Many men hate Valentine's Day because frankly they have to spend some extra money that they don't want to spend. And most women would say that we shouldn't have to do it just one day out of the year—but rather it should be an everyday sort of thing.

Thankfully there are some students and faculty that do have some good things to say about Valentine's Day. On the contrary, some have memories that they would rather forget and for entertainment purposes, let's start with those first...

"My least favorite Valentine's Day moment would have to be when you spending your money on that special someone and having them not appreciate it. I bought her a card and a rose and she told me that she's beyond all of that stuff now." —Chris Ruben

"A couple of years ago my wife and I were in the middle

of a disagreement. We decided however that we were going to celebrate Valentine's Day anyway but it didn't go to well. It's hard to celebrate with someone when they're pissed off at you." —Darrell Hagler

"Mine is pretty simply really it's just not having anything to do." —Tomika Black

"Once, my boyfriend broke up with me before Valentine's Day and obviously that wasn't too fun." —Adrien Hicks.

Now enough with the depressing material and let's start with the happiness (all further material is G-rated!)...

"This guy that I was dating at the time bought me a purple bear when I was in high school. He gave me a hug and a kiss and told me that he loved me." —Tanesha Clark

"Well it was a while ago but my old ex-boyfriend bought me a big purple teddy bear. He also gave me a hug and a kiss." —Adrianna Nevels

"My favorite would have to be on a leap year, that's when the women take the men out. She took me out to dinner and we went to see *To Kill a Mockingbird*." —Darrell Hagler

"Four years ago my girlfriend at the time let me cook, clean, and decorate for her and to me that means a lot." —Jeremy Vaughn

"I met my boyfriend on Valentine's Day and it was pretty cool for that to happen on that day." —Racuel Austin

"Mine would have to be when I proposed to my wife on Valentine's Day. I did the traditional one knee thing and I brought a yellow rose with me because she loves yellow roses. That would have to be my favorite." —Anonymous

"I got married on Valentine's Day, so that made it even more special for me." —Cathy Brown

Ah! All the things that make Valentine's Day special.

## SSCC offers wellness class to local educators

Come shape up at Shelton State. The Shelton State Wellness Center in conjunction with the Department of Continuing Education, is offering the faculty and staff of local K-12 schools the opportunity to enroll in the Faculty and Staff Super

Circuit for only \$35 for the entire spring semester.

Super Circuit is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. on the Martin Campus.

The Wellness Center offers weight room equipment and cardio equipment to tone, burn

calories, and helps individuals get in shape; and reduces stress with the supervision of a certified instructor.

Call the Shelton State Community College Department of Continuing Education at 205/391-2360 to register.

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with the students in the production of this paper.

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

The Courier is an equal opportunity employer and student organization. All students are encouraged to participate.



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visual art projects were also used to enrich the learning process.

On Feb. 2, Williams presented a storytelling performance for elementary school children from Martin Luther King, Jr., Central, Stafford, and Woodland Forrest Elementary Schools at the Unity Center on the C.A. Fredd Campus.

On Feb. 3, Williams conducted a master class for theatre, African American Studies students from Shelton State, Stillman College, and the University of Alabama.

Her residency concluded with a public performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre.

The Lifelong Learning Center at Shelton State is offering a special three-session class on Feb. 9, 16 and 23 titled "The Black History of

Tuscaloosa" taught by Joseph Mallisham.

The course, which will be held at the Unity Center on the C.A. Fredd Campus, will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

From the early black settlers through the Civil War years, and on to the civil rights movement of the fifties and sixties, the course will identify the black citizens that helped shape Tuscaloosa and the surrounding area.

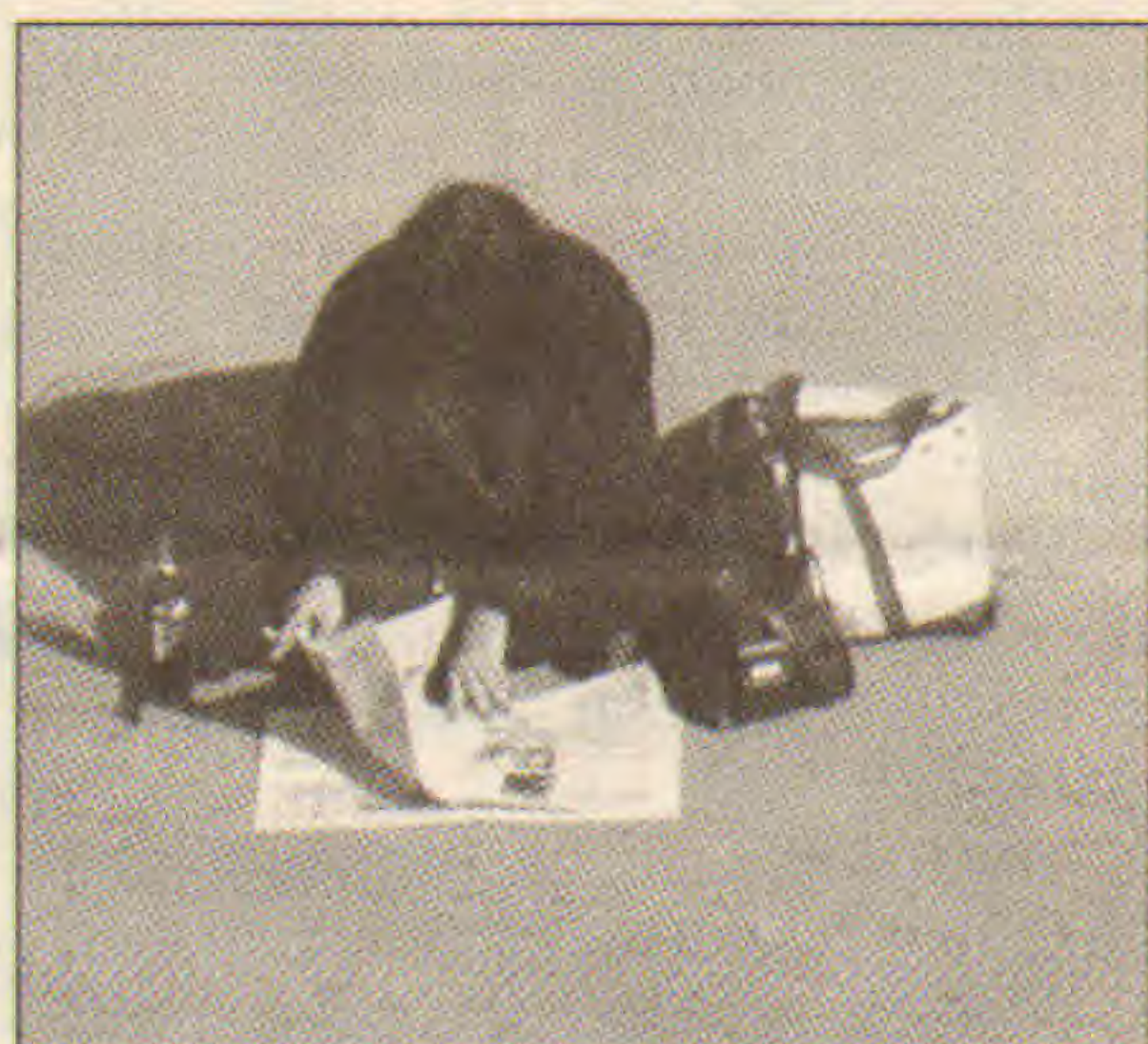
Guest speakers will cover various subjects.

On Feb. 25 at 10 a.m., the C.A. Fredd Campus of Shelton State Community College will host "Black History: Past and Present."

The C.A. Fredd Campus is one of only a handful of 2-year schools in the country that have been named to the list of "Historically Black College and Universities."

For more information on Shelton State's Black History Month activities, call (205) 391-2310.

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# BAMA Con Brio!

## BAMA Players to perform at Terrific Tuesdays

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, the BAMA Players, a virtuoso ensemble dedicated to performing works by Alabama composers, will present *BAMA Con Brio* at Shelton State as part of the Terrific Tuesdays series. The concert will take place at 1 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall.



Pianist Kurt Carpenter



Cellist Craig Hultgren

inetist and saxophonist Lori Ardovino and percussionist Laura Noah. The group will perform works by several Alabama composers, includ-



Singer Kathryn Venable

The BAMA Players are based in Birmingham and are the resident ensemble of the Birmingham Art Music Alliance. The core members of the ensemble are mezzo-soprano Kathryn Venable, flutist Donnie Ashworth, cellist Craig Hultgren, and pianist Kurt Carpenter.

For the upcoming concert they will be joined by clar-

ing Lori Ardovino, Kurt Carpenter, Michael Coleman, Monroe Golden, Dorothy Hindman, and Cynthia Miller.

Both as a group and as individual performers, the BAMA Players are well-known throughout the southeast. They have performed to enthusiastic audiences in Birmingham, Mobile, Pensacola, and Little Rock.

Flutist Donnie Ashworth



Flutist Donnie Ashworth

has concertized extensively in the Birmingham area and nationally at music conventions and festivals.

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### SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASEBALL 2005 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sunday	February 13	Gadsden State	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Wednesday	February 16	Okaloosa-Walton	Niceville, FL	3:00 PM
Thursday	February 17	Gulf Coast CC	Panama City, FL	5:00 PM
Friday	February 18	Truett McConnell	Panama City, FL	4:00 PM
Saturday	February 19	Gulf Coast CC	Panama City, FL	2:00 PM
Sunday	February 20	Gulf Coast CC	Panama City, FL	1:00 PM
Tuesday	February 22	Bevill-Sumiton	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Wednesday	February 23	Gadsden State	Gadsden, AL	1:00 PM
Friday	February 25	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	4:00 PM
Saturday	February 26	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
Sunday	February 27	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
Tuesday	March 1	Meridian	Meridian, MS	2:00 PM
Thursday	March 3	Chattahoochee Valley*	Phenix City, AL	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 5	Chattahoochee Valley(2)*	@ Shelton State	12:00 PM
Tuesday	March 8	Alabama Southern	@ Shelton State	2:00 PM
Wednesday	March 9	Southeastern CC	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Thursday	March 10	Wallace-Selma*	Selma, AL	1:30 PM
Saturday	March 12	Wallace-Selma (2)*	@ Shelton State	12:00 PM
Tuesday	March 15	Bevill-Fayette	Fayette, AL	2:00 PM
Thursday	March 17	Central Alabama*	Alex City, AL	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 19	Central Alabama (2)*	@ Shelton State	12:00 PM
Thursday	March 24	Jeff State*	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 26	Jeff State (2)*	Birmingham, AL	12:00 PM
Tuesday	March 29	Wallace-Hanceville	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Thursday	March 31	Southern Union*	Wadley, AL	2:30 PM
Saturday	April 2	Southern Union (2)*	@ Shelton State	12:00 PM
Monday	April 4	Faulkner State CC (2)	@ AUM	1:00 PM
Thursday	April 7	Chattahoochee Valley*	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 9	Chattahoochee Valley(2)*	Phenix City, AL	12:00 PM
Tuesday	April 12	Meridian (2)	@ Shelton State	2:00 PM
Thursday	April 14	Wallace-Selma*	@ Shelton State	2:00 PM
Saturday	April 16	Wallace-Selma (2)*	Selma, AL	12:00 PM
Tuesday	April 19	Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville, AL	4:00 PM
Thursday	April 21	Central Alabama*	@ Shelton State	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 23	Central Alabama (2)*	Alex City, AL	12:00 PM
Monday	April 25	Alabama Southern	Monroeville, AL	2:00 PM
Tuesday	April 26	Bevill-Sumiton	Sumiton, AL	1:00 PM
Thursday	April 28	Jeff State	Birmingham, AL	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 30	Jeff State (2)	@ Shelton State	12:00 PM
Monday	May 2	Northwest Shoals	@ Birmingham So.	4:00 PM
Tuesday	May 3	Bevill-Fayette	@ Shelton State	2:00 PM
Thursday	May 5	Southern Union	@ Shelton State	1:30 PM
Saturday	May 7	Southern Union (2)	Wadley, AL	1:00 PM

May 14-19, 2005, ACCC Baseball Tournament in Dothan, AL  
May 28-June 4, 2005, NJCAA Tournament in Grand Junction, CO



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## Weather dampens Buc hardball progress

By **Matt Celozzi**  
Staff Writer

With strong pitching and timely hitting, the Shelton State Bucs seem destined to shake things up in the ACCC Central.

But there's one thing that's been able to slow them down a bit: Mother Nature. Coach Bobby Sprowl says the recent stretch of inclement weather has made it difficult to practice regularly, and therefore harder to assess all of his talent.

The Bucs have had to forgo four days of intra-squad games that usually help resolve some of the issues they face in the preseason, including the establishment of depth.

But the time off has helped in healing up some minor

injuries, which aren't expected to be a problem once the season starts.

The Bucs will have a chance to address all of these issues on Feb. 16 when they head down to Florida for a long weekend of competition.

Coach Sprowl is optimistic. "Playing good teams will help expose any weaknesses we have at the start of the season. After the trip to Florida, we'll be better suited to fill in any holes we might have," said Sprowl.

The Bucs return home to play Beville-Sumiton on the Feb. 22.

Coach Sprowl urges Shelton students and supporters to attend the game.

So make a point to come on out and support the team as they seek another conference title.

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because it has been proven time and time again in every sport that teams who reach their peak too early tend to fizzle out when playoff time arrives.

The fact that this 14-3 Buc's team is declaring they still have room to improve should strike fear into the Buc's last eight opponents of the regular season and any teams who are unfortunate enough to draw them come playoff time.

The Buc's latest win was their 14th win of their last fifteen games and keeps them undefeated at home on the season.

And the Buc's success is bringing more and more fans to the Umphrey Center every Thursday night. Even former Buc's players were found in the stands for the latest home win.

Former player Ulysses Jenkins who played for the Bucs in 2000-2001, was impressed by the team. "Coach Mohun has done a great job with this program, I played here before he came but it seems like they just keep getting better," said Jenkins.

He also was very impressed by the attendance; or in his words, "The fan base is off the chain."

One thing that keeps this Buc team on the right track is that from game to game you

never know who is going to step up and have big night. Against Beville-Walker it was sophomore guard Clifton Douglas from Sylacauga who had the hot hand scoring 28 points and being nearly unstoppable from behind the arc.

When asked about his performance, Douglas replied, "I was just feeling it, I came into practice early every day this week and practiced my shot and it just felt good and tonight my shots were just falling."

Tarrance Crump followed closely behind Douglas with 20 points of his own as he used his speed to drive the lane time and time again creating opportunities for himself and his teammates.

The Bucs also took their show on the road last week winning at Beville-Fayette 93-74. The Buc's last loss came on the road to Gadsden State 112-108.

The Bucs will be home again Thursday, Feb. 10 when they host Snead State at 7:30 in hopes to remain undefeated at home.

Meanwhile, the Lady Bucs also continue their championship drive, even after suffering their first home lapse of the season on Jan. 27. The loss to Wallace of Hanceville, the first in 14 games, dropped the team's record to 18-2. Madonna Thompson's team had climbed its way to number 10 in the nation, and still is the leading contender for the conference championship.

## Just try it!

### Private Health Clubs

By **Elizabeth White**  
Staff Writer

Spring is creeping up fast, and with it, bathing suit season.

Already many stores are emphasizing their swimwear, beckoning unsuspecting customers to try on their collection.

It is then that a woman discovers that fatal flaw in her otherwise enjoyable shopping experience: the dressing room mirrors.

It's then that a woman decides to take action; it's time to get in shape.

Fitness centers offer the best solution for toning up and slimming down. Unfortunately, the idea of a gym is intimidating to many, especially women.

Concerns ranging from helpfulness of the staff to the atmosphere of the work-out facility can sway a person's opinion—or dissuade them from joining a gym altogether.

The most important factor in choosing a gym is how it meets one's needs and expectations.

Whether you want a low monthly fee, a convenient location, or are just concerned about atmosphere, chances are there is a facility to fit your criteria.

I visited four gyms in the Tuscaloosa-Northport area: Temple Gym, Fitness South, Cory Everson's Fitness for Women, and Gold's Gym. Factors I looked for included: availability, cost, atmosphere, helpfulness, and extras.

First on my list was Temple Gym, a small, Christian facility in Northport. The price was right at \$25 a month with a one year contract.

However, the phrase "you

get what you paid for" rings true with this gym. The smaller building gives this gym a more intimate appeal, but no variety of classes are offered.

Similarly, members are expected to form their own lifting routine, although employees are more than willing to show newcomers the ropes.

While Temple does offer a tanning service for members or nonmembers, its main focus is on the weight lifting aspect of fitness.

You can contact Temple Gym at: (205) 333-1999

My second stop was to Fitness South, a center not far from Shelton State. A pricier gym, South offers a one year contract with a \$45 monthly dues. To some businesses, however, employees can be offered a discount.

Compared to Temple, the facility is much larger, but has a similar, quiet feel. For more reserved women, a women's only room has been designated in their facility, and an orientation class is offered to everyone who joins their program.

South offers both tanning and a wide range of free classes, such as aerobics and kick boxing.

You can contact Fitness South at: (205) 344-5555

Returning to Northport, I then visited Cory Everson's Fitness for Women. The most expensive of the gyms, Corey boasts a \$49 monthly membership fee, a registration fee of well over \$100, and a twenty-four month contract, although factors can lower the cost.

However, the helpfulness the staff supplies also exceeds that of the other gyms. Not only does Cory give new signees three orientation class-

es to help schedule a workout routine, but follow-up sessions every six weeks.

The gym also offers numerous fitness classes at no additional fee. At an extra cost per month, members may also add daycare and tanning services to the memberships.

You can contact Cory Everson's at: (205) 333-9929

My final gym of choice was the Tuscaloosa-based Gold's Gym. The price was average for such a facility, with a \$45 fifteen month contract.

New members are set up with at least one free session with a personal trainer to settle into the facility.

While similar to South in price and size, Gold's features a more vigorous atmosphere, offering a large selection of fast-paced music to get its members pumped.

One incentive provided to members is the opportunity to work out at various other Gold's Gyms while on vacation.

Another unique feature is, that from Monday morning until Friday night, the business never closes its doors.

Like most of the gyms I visited, Gold's offers multiple aerobics and exercise classes to its members, only one of which costs extra. Also for a small fee, the gym provides tanning.

You can contact Gold's Gym at: (205) 345-6496

Every gym has its upsides and downsides, and each attracts a different kind of member.

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## Theatre Tuscaloosa presents *Death of a Salesman*

Theatre Tuscaloosa will present *Death of a Salesman*, the classic American play written by Arthur Miller at the Bean-Brown Theatre in the Sandra Hall Ray Fine Arts Center on the campus of Shelton State Community College Feb. 18-27.

*Death of A Salesman* is Arthur Miller's unrivaled masterpiece. It delves into the heart of the American dream, depicting salesman Willy Loman in the twilight of his career. His two grown sons haven't achieved the success that Willy envisioned, and his own hard-earned career is crumbling.

Despite his wife's unfaltering support, Willy cannot reconcile his ideal — the perfect all-American life — with what has actually come to pass. *Death of A Salesman* is a powerful, heart-rending drama that stands unparalleled in American theatre.

Willy Loman, who lived his life "on a smile and a shoeshine," faces the twilight of his life feeling as if the American Dream has somehow eluded him. His wife, Linda, tries her best to reassure him, but Willy increasingly begins to slip into the past as he tries in vain to convince himself that success is still within his grasp. His condition is compounded by the presence of his two grown sons, Biff and Happy. Neither lived up to what Willy considers their full potential—Biff drifts from job to job, while Happy womanizes and has an unfulfilling career.

Theatre Tuscaloosa's production, under the direction of Tina Fitch, features Jeff Wilson as Willy Loman and Dianne Teague as Linda with Eric Curtis and Brad Williams as their two sons. Other cast members include: Steve Burch, Tom Canterbury, Charles Prosser, Andy Fitch, Cleveland Ewing, Allison Moy, Lindsey McCutchen and Ava Buchanan.

Arthur Miller first came to prominence as a playwright in the late '40s with the drama *All My Sons*. He followed that piece with the landmark *Salesman*. Opening on Broadway in 1949, it garnered praise and numerous awards, among them a Pulitzer Prize and six Tony Awards, including the Tony for Best Drama. Starring

Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman, the production ran for 742 performances. Since that time, *Salesman* has been performed on stages around the world, been the subject of countless essays, and become a regular part of many English and literature classes.

Miller firmly established himself as one of the pre-eminent 20th century American playwrights with *Salesman*. It stands as a powerful social commentary about superficial notions of success and the dog-eat-dog nature of capitalism. Miller's reputation was further cemented in 1953 by *The Crucible*, a play set during the infamous Salem witch trials, but with obvious parallels to the "red scare" of the McCarthy era.

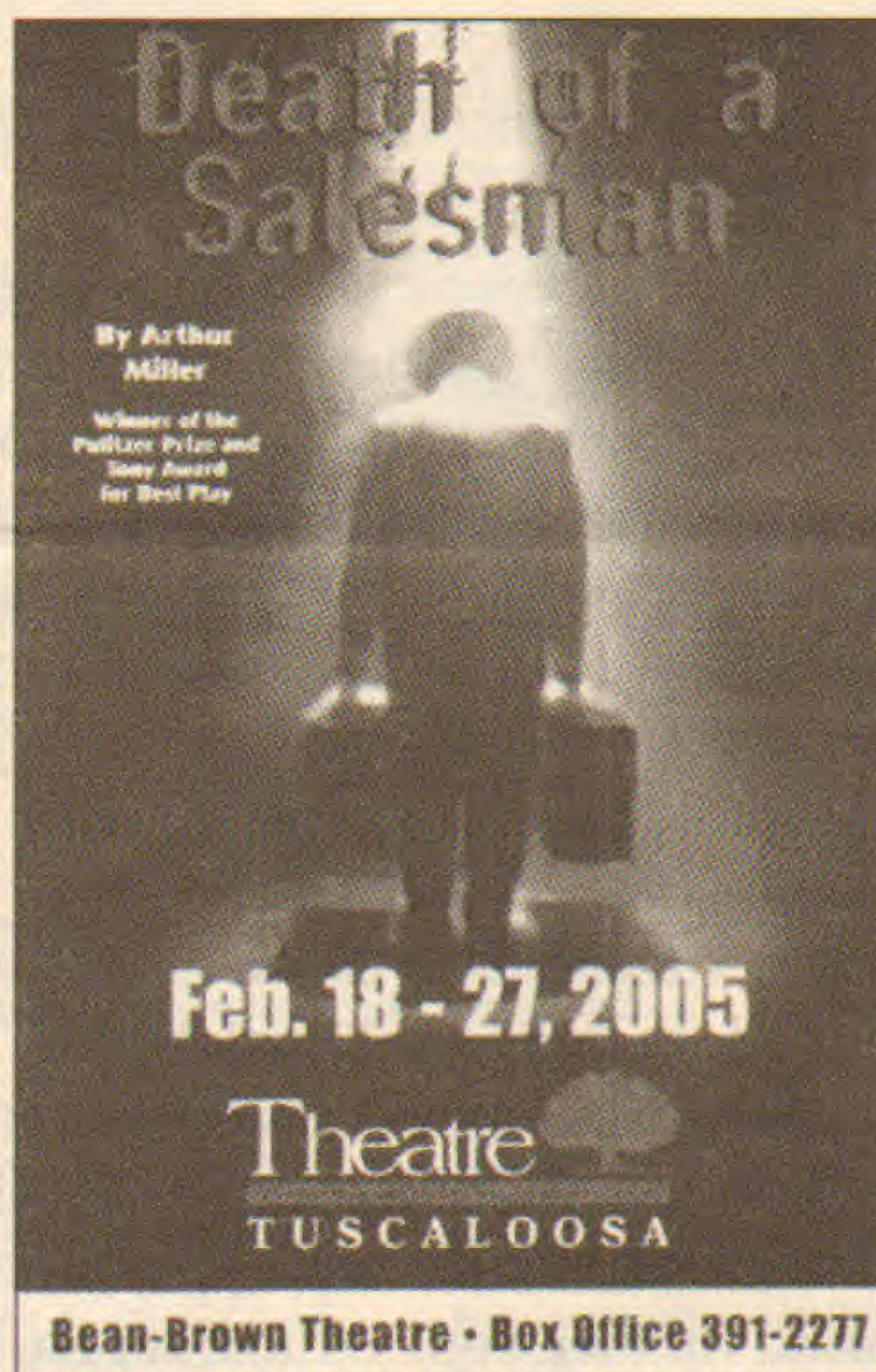
Performances of *Death of a Salesman* are scheduled Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.;

Sunday and Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 23 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 through 26 at 7:30 P.M. and the closing performance will be on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for *Death of a Salesman* are currently on sale at the Theatre Tuscaloosa Box Office or by calling (205) 391-2277. Prices are \$17 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors and \$5 for Shelton State students.

Discounted tickets are available for University of Alabama and local junior and senior high school students through the Student Admission Subsidy Program. This program is made possible by the generous support of Merrill Lynch and the Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems. Call 391-2277 for details.

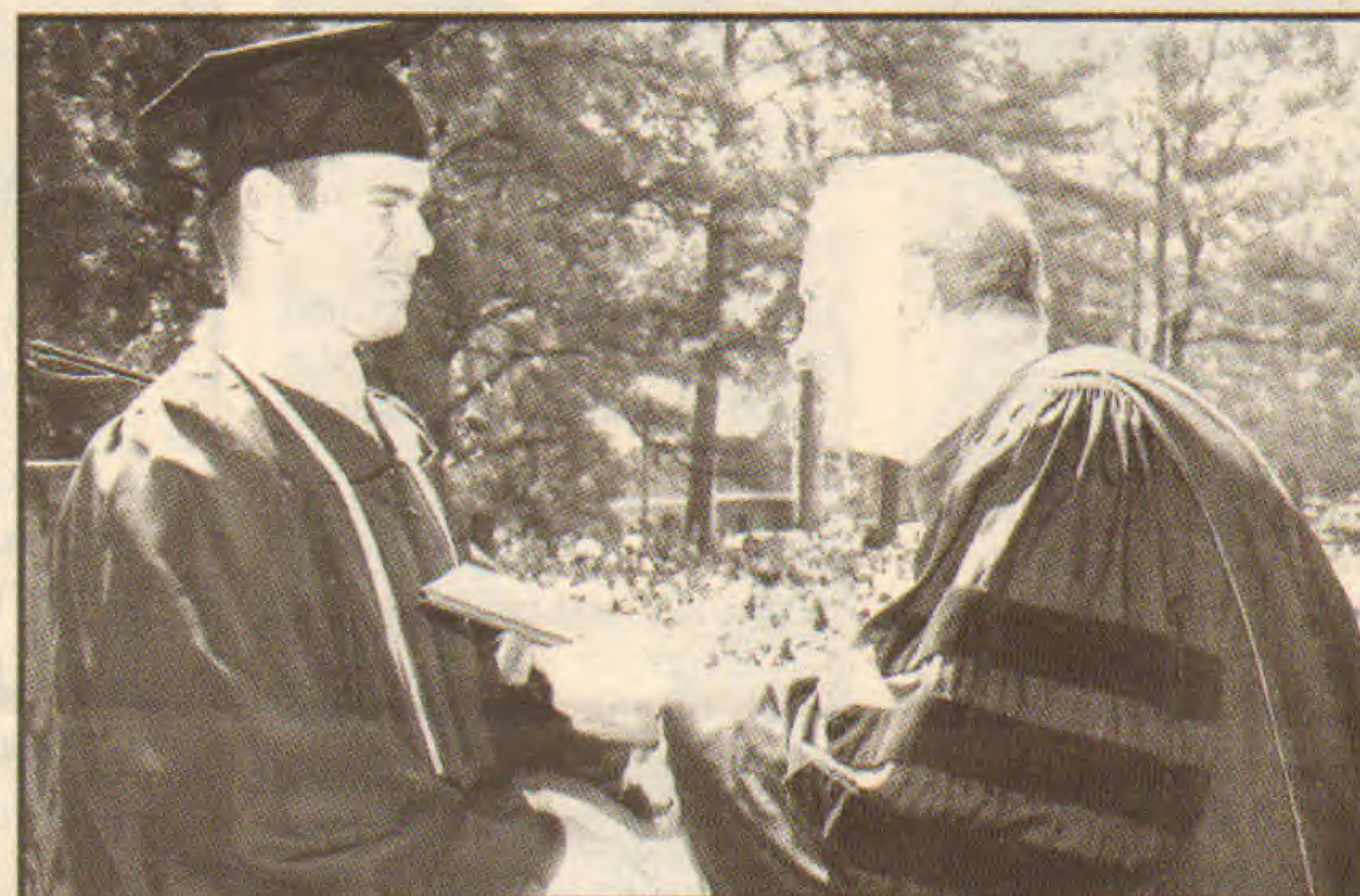
Theatre Tuscaloosa, one of the largest community theatres in the state, works in partnership with Shelton State Community College to provide quality theatrical experiences to the citizens of West Alabama through performances, workshops and classroom instruction. By combining the talent and resources of the non-profit theatre company with the facilities and administrative support of "Alabama's Community College of the Fine Arts," Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton State have created a partnership model that has enriched the lives of countless Alabamians.



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Shelton State cheerleaders are a big part of the hoop-la at home games.

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Craig Hultgren is a virtuoso cellist whose performances have been broadcast by National Public Radio, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and European radio.

Pianist Kurt Carpenter has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras, including the Minnesota Orchestra and the Cincinnati Symphony.

Kathryn Venable is well-known to Alabama audiences as a singer of great dramatic

breadth. She has performed extensively throughout the United States and internationally.

Lori Ardovino is on the faculty of the University of Montevallo and is active both as a composer and performer in the Birmingham area and nationally.

Laura Noah is a percussionist who has performed extensively in the Washington, D.C. area and is currently a percussionist in the Gulf Coast Symphony as well as the Mobile and Pensacola symphonies.

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**Nikki Sharp (1st year)**

**Brandi Doremus (2nd year)**

## Phi Theta Kappa seeks new members

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters.

You too can become a part of this time-honored and prestigious organization. We will soon be sending out invitations to students that are eligible become members of the Alpha Epsilon Iota Chapter of PTK.

Eligibility is based primarily upon academic achievement.

### To be eligible:

1. You must be currently enrolled in Shelton State
2. You must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program (Associate in Art/Science or Applied Science)
3. You must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher
4. You must enjoy full rights of citizenship in your country

If you believe you are eligible you may pick up an application in our office (Room 2408). If no one is available there are some outside the door. Even if you receive an invitation these applications must be completed and the one time \$65 membership fee collected. The membership fee covers your lifetime membership for local, regional and international affiliation. An orientation for all students interested in becoming a member of PTK will be held.

We need students who would like to become involved to step up and consider being one of the officers for the next school year.

If you are interested please contact Claire Brock extension 391-3918, Room 2408 or e-mail: [cbrock@sheltonstate.edu](mailto:cbrock@sheltonstate.edu).

Phi Theta Kappa offers numerous scholarship opportunities for PTK members only. All of the major four year institutions in Alabama and most other states offer good transfer scholarship opportunities for PTK members only. If you plan to further your education and like to be involved in service projects, leadership and fellowship you should give PTK serious consideration.

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watched, and even had the chance to participate in the performance.

"I thought she was pretty good because when she did the 'I Know You Didn't' routine I thought that was cool. I really related to it. The audience participation in Ms. Lilly's Pecan Tree was pretty cool too," said Vanessa Cosby, a Shelton State student.

Williams holds a bachelor in Speech and Theatre Education from North Carolina A&T State University.

She also has a masters degree in Creative Drama and Children's Theatre from Southern Illinois University.

She is an artist in-residence with the Oklahoma Arts Council in Oklahoma City.

In her class she used the phrase "I know he did not" as an example that permeates and typifies a culture.

Later those words became "I know he didn't."

"That very phrase is something that people of all nations

and of all colors can relate to," she said.

The entire audience seemed to enjoy that portion.

"It was good, really good. Just her being enthusiastic made it that much fun I could really feel her presence," said student Shaquisha Poe.

Williams seemed to have all the qualities of a great story teller.

"I like to talk and I like to sing. It was really appealing to grab the attention of college students, especially because I haven't been in college for so long. I wanted to reach a variety of students as well," said Williams.

Williams also spoke at the Fredd Campus, Central High School, Stafford Elementary, and Woodland Forrest Elementary School.

She also performed at the UA's RISE program for the children and their parents.

Williams ended her residency with a performance in the Bean-Brown Theatre on Feb. 3 at the Martin Campus.

She performed the tales of *David-David-David* and other folk stories such as *John Henry*, *Annie*, *Christmas* and *Sassafras*.

# Seriously funny

## Allen Mallory to headline alumni meeting

The Alumni Association of Shelton State will host its annual meeting on Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Alabama Power Foundation Recital Hall of the Sandra Hall Ray Fine Arts Center.

Special entertainment for the meeting will be Dr. Allen Mallory. Mallory's comedy club sellouts, keynote speeches and television appearances have endeared him to audiences across the country and made him the talk of the comedy club industry.

His audience members have remarked "I laughed till I cried" and "This man is a riot."

Dr. Mallory is a dynamic, entertaining speaker who uses humor in talking about working with children and families.

His unique ability to inject humor into serious topics is unmatched. He has 24 years of experience in education and is currently a member at the faculty at Shelton State where

he teaches courses in Child Development.

"We are delighted that Dr. Mallory has agreed to provide the entertainment for our annual meeting," said Wendy Jones, Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs. "I know that this will be one of the most fun events we've had."

Following Dr. Mallory's performance, a reception will be held in the lobby of the theatre.

The cost for the evening is \$10 with all proceeds going to fund the Alumni Association's scholarships for adult students.

One of the oldest commu-



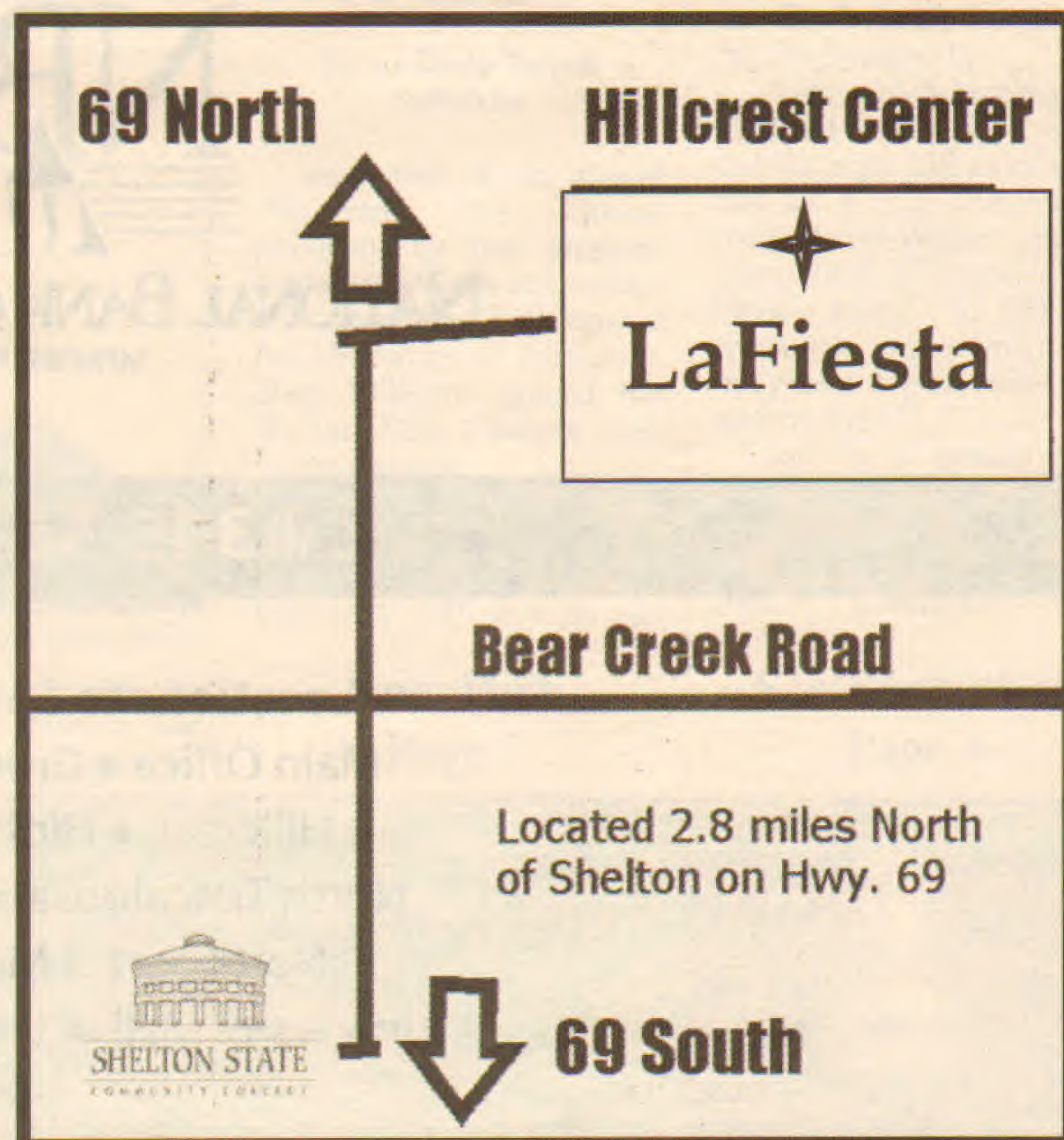
Dr. Allen Mallory has demonstrated his comedic wares to many audiences large and small. A few years ago it was for some faculty members in the Recital Hall at Shelton.

nity college alumni groups in Alabama, since its inception, the Shelton State Alumni Association has played an important role in encouraging continued interest in and loyalty to the College.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call Ronda Shirley at 205-391-2252 or contact her by email at [rshirley@sheltonstate.edu](mailto:rshirley@sheltonstate.edu).



# Gracias





## Volunteer training for Project Literacy slated

Project Literacy United States (PLUS Tuscaloosa) is a community wide effort using trained volunteers to teach adults to read. In Tuscaloosa County, PLUS is part of the Shelton State Community College Adult Education Program under the direction of the Department of Postsecondary Education. PLUS trains volunteers with the philosophy that readers

can help non-readers learn to read and has the motto "Each one, teach one."

There will be a workshop to train volunteer tutors on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6—9 p.m. at the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, 2314 9th Street, Tuscaloosa.

For reservations and information, please contact Julia Chancy, PLUS Coordinator at 205/342-2765.

## 8th annual run set for March 12

The 8th Annual Camp Partlow Duathlon will be held on Saturday, March 12, at Camp Partlow near Coker.

This event is co-sponsored by the Druid city Bicycle Club, The Tuscaloosa Track Club, and the Patrons of Partlow.

The Duathlon consists of a 2-mile trail run followed by a 17-mile road bike race and ends with another 2-mile run in reverse direction of the first run.

Cycling helmets are required. There will be individual or team entries (two people: co-ed or single sex). Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in nine age divisions for women and 11 for men., as well as team and overall male and female champions.

The race will begin at 8 a.m., with registration beginning at 6 a.m. There is a minimum donation for individuals

of \$25 for pre-registrations postmarked by March 4. Registrations the day of the event will be \$30. Pre-registration for team entrants are \$50, with \$60 on game day. Proceeds will benefit Camp Partlow.

For entry forms or more information call Larry Pierson at 339-1010 pr Regin Poole at 554-4115. Entrants can also register at [signeupSPORTS.com](http://signeupSPORTS.com) by clicking on "Other."

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